

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

Kenneth Lee Martin, Jr.)	C/A No. 4:22-0552-SAL
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	Order
Stephanie Lanham, Health Care Administrator;)	
S.W. Phelps; H. Lopez MD/SER Master Physician,)	
Dr. Walton P. Battle, Health Service Administrator,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

This matter is before the court for review of the October 31, 2022, Report and Recommendation (the “Report”) of United States Magistrate Judge Thomas E. Rogers, III, made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) (D.S.C.). [ECF No. 53.] In the Report, the Magistrate Judge recommends granting Defendants’ motion for summary judgment for Plaintiff’s failure to exhaust any available administrative remedies. Attached to the Report was a notice advising Plaintiff of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report and the serious consequences if he failed to do so. [ECF No. 53-1.] Plaintiff has not filed objections, and the time for doing so has expired.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with this court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of only those portions of the Report that have been specifically objected to, and the court may accept, reject, or modify the Report, in whole or in part. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of objections, the court is not required to provide an explanation for adopting the Report and must “only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to

accept the recommendation.” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

After a thorough review of the Report, the applicable law, and the record of this case in accordance with the above standard, the court finds no clear error, adopts the Report, ECF No. 53, and incorporates the Report by reference herein. Accordingly, Defendants’ Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 35, is **GRANTED**, and this case is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

November 22, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina

/s/Sherri A. Lydon
Sherri A. Lydon
United States District Judge